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SUBJECT: CURRIE JOINS HUME IN LASHING PROVISIONALS

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1. AUSTIN CURRIE, CHIEF WHIP SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) IN SPEECH AT COALISLAND MARCH 9 ATTACKED PROVISIONAL IRA FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE DEATHS AND INJURY AMONG THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY "THAN IN FIFTY YEARS OF UNIONIST RULE." CURRIE SCOFFED "THEY PROFESSED THE BRAVE PATRIOTIC DUTY TO DRIVE THE BRITISH OUT OF IRELAND BUT COWARDICE IS THE HALLMARK OF THE CAMPAIGN WHICH IS CONCENTRATED ON THE SOFT TARGETS OF BUSINESSMEN, MINOR CIVIL SERVANTS, PRISON WARDERS AND OFF-DUTY POLICEMEN AND UDR (ULSTER DEFENSE REGIMENT) MEN." CURRIE ASKED, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE PROVISIONALS AND WHAT REPUBLICAN TRADITION OR REPUBLICAN PRECEDENT IS NOW BEING FOLLOWED?

2. EARLIER ATTACK BY JOHN HUME HAD BROUGHT INSULTING REACTION FROM PROVISIONALS (REFTEL). IT ALSO EVOKED QUALIFIED PRAISE FROM HARRY WEST LEADER OF OFFICIAL UNIONISTS. HE SAID THAT HUME'S ATTACK WAS TO BE GREATLY
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WELCOMED BUT ADDED HOPE THAT IT EVIDENCE OF CHANGE IN SDLP POLICY TOWARD GIVING UNSWERVING SUPPORT TO SECURITY FORCES. HE ALSO ADDED THAT CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN WHICH MR. HUME INVOLVED IN 1969 "PROVIDED A VEHICLE FOR SUBVERSION WHICH LATER DEVELOPED INTO AN UNCONTROLLABLE MONSTER BRINGING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION TO ULSTER."

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